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Specification

1.TITLE OF THE INVENTION

PERSONAL COMPUTER

2.CLAIMS

A personal computer being provided with a card slot, which treats an IC card having a personal identification number and data, comprising: means for reading the personal identification number of the IC card, which is inserted in said card slot; means for setting the personal identification number; and means for comparing said personal identification number, which is read by the IC card, with said personal identification number, which is set, to judge validity of the IC card, which is inserted in the card slot, enabling data read/write access of the IC card, which is inserted into said card slot, when the use of the IC card is judged to be correct since these personal identification numbers accord with each other and prohibiting the data read/write access of the IC card, which is inserted into said card slot, when the use of the IC card is judged to be incorrect since these personal identification numbers do not accord with each other.

3.DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[OBJECT OF THE INVENTION]

(TECHNICAL FILED TO WHICH THE INVENTION PERTAINS)

The present invention relates to a personal computer provided with a card slot for treating an IC card, having a security function.

(PRIOR ART)

In a technical field to which a personal computer pertains, instead of a conventional disk top type, a personal computer referred to as a lap top type, which is compact, light and convenient for portability, has been widely used. This rap top type personal computer normally self-contains a keyboard and a floppy disk drive or the like in a main body. A flat panel display such as a plasma display and a liquid crystal display or the like is attached to the main body of the rap top type personal computer through a hinge mechanism with freely opened and closed. Recently, this kind of rap top type personal computer has been compact and light more and more, so that an IC memory has been used optionally or is equipped normally as an outside storage.

In the mean time, conventionally, there is no security function between the IC card and the rap top type personal computer, which treats this IC card. Therefore, it is not possible to store confidential information in the IC card and to use it.

(TASK TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION)

As described above, conventionally, there is no security function between the IC card and the rap top type personal computer. Therefore, conventionally, there has been a disadvantage such that it is not possible to restrict a range, in which the IC card can access data, against the IC card, which stores the confidential information.

The present invention has been made taking the foregoing

problems into consideration, an object of which is to provide a personal computer provided with a card slot for treating an IC card and having a security function, such that only a specified person can access the IC card, in which important information is stored, by using the foregoing personal computer.

[CONSTITUTION OF THE INVENTION]
(SOLUTION FOR THE TASK)

The present invention comprises a personal computer being provided with a card slot, which treats an IC card having a personal identification number and data and a card interface, comprising means for reading the personal identification number of the IC card, which is inserted in said card slot, means for setting the personal identification number and means for comparing said personal identification number, which is read by the IC card, with said personal identification number, which is set, to judge validity of the IC card, enabling data read/write access of the IC card, which is inserted into said card slot, when the use of the IC card is judged to be correct since these personal identification numbers accord with each other and prohibiting the data read/write access of the IC card, which is inserted into said card slot, when the use of the IC card is judged to be incorrect since these personal identification numbers do not accord with each other. (OPERATION)

The present invention comprises an IC card holding a personal identification number and data and a personal computer

using the data, for example, a rap top personal computer. The present invention is characterized in a security function when the IC card is inserted in a card slot (a loading slot) of a main body of the personal computer to read/write data of the card. In other words, on reading/writing the data of the card, the personal identification number is set on the display. If the personal identification number, which is set above, does not accord with the personal identification number, which the IC card holds, this IC card is prohibited from being used. Accordingly, important data in the IC card is capable of being accessed only by a specified person. As a result, the information of the IC card is capable of being reliably secured and the confidential information is capable of being stored in the IC card with high creditability. Further, the confidential information is capable of being carried around with security. (MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION)

An example of the present invention will be explained with reference to the drawings below.

FIG. 1 is a view showing an outer constitution of a rap top type personal computer according to an example of the present invention. FIG. 2 is a block view showing an inner constitution of a rap top type personal computer according to an example of the present invention.

In the drawings, a reference numeral 1 denotes a main body of a rap top type personal computer (hereinafter, referred to as a personal computer for short). Here, the main body of the personal computer 1 is provided with a card loading slot (card

slot) 2 of an IC card 4 and an IC card interface including a card connector in its inside. A reference numeral 3 denotes a display apparatus. Here, the display apparatus displays a window for setting the personal identification number to compare and check the personal identification number, which is set, with the personal identification number, which is stored (registered) in the IC card 4 under the control of the personal computer 1. A reference numeral 4 denotes an IC card having the personal identification number in its inside. The IC card 4 does not read/write the data in an inner memory 7 except when the personal identification number is "0". In other words, when the personal identification number is not registered, a content of a personal identification number register (R) becomes "0", an enable signal is provided to the inner memory 7 and the inner memory 7 becomes capable of being accessed. Otherwise, the inner memory 7 is prohibited from being accessed. A reference numeral 5 denotes a CPU, which is disposed in the inside of the personal computer 1, which is a control nerve center of the personal computer 1. The CPU has an operation processing function and controls each device, to which the CPU is connected. A reference numeral 6 denotes an IC card controlling unit, which intervenes between a CPU 5 and the IC card interface to control reading/writing the data of an IC card 4. A reference numeral 7 denotes a memory in the IC card 4 to hold the personal identification number and the data.

The operation of an example according to the present invention is explained with reference to the drawings below.

The IC card 4 is inserted into the IC card loading slot 2 of the personal computer 1. Accompanying this insertion of the IC card 4, the CPU 5 in the personal computer 1 is interrupted through the IC card controlling unit 6. Hereby, the CPU 5 maintains the current state to receive interruption from the IC card controlling unit 6. However, during accessing the outer storage such as a hard disk and a floppy disk or the like, the CPU 5 is interrupted by the IC card controlling unit 6 after accessing. After the data is held by this interruption, the CPU 5 controls the display apparatus 3 by a display drive and displays a window on a screen of the display apparatus 3 to prompt the personal identification number to be set. When the personal identification number is set, the CPU 5 reads the personal identification number, which is stored in the IC card 4, through the IC card controlling unit 6. Then, this read personal identification number is compared and checked with the personal identification number, which is inputted by a key. If both of these personal identification numbers accord with each other, the CPU 5 temporally transmits the personal identification number "0", which enables memory access to the IC card 4 through the IC card controlling unit 6 to make temporally the personal identification number of the IC card 4 into "0" and read/write the data in a memory 7 of the IC card 4. In other words, when the CPU 5 reads/writes the data in the memory 7 of the IC card 4, the personal identification number of the IC card 4 is always made into "0". This is realized by closing a personal identification number input gate (G) in the IC card 4 and setting

"0" into a personal identification number register (R) when the above both of the personal identification numbers accord with each other. The access control by this memory 7 has been continued until the IC card 4 is pulled out from the card loading slot 2. Additionally, when the both of the personal identification numbers do not accord with each other, the comparison result of the personal identification numbers is not "0". Therefore, it becomes impossible to read/write the data in the memory 7 of the IC card 4. When the IC card 4 is newly inserted, the CPU 5 is interrupted again to repeat the above described operation.

Alternatively, when the personal identification numbers of the IC card 4 is originally "0", the CPU 5 of the personal computer 1 judges that the security function is not required. Therefore, in this case, the data in the memory 7 is capable of being read/written without closing a personal identification number input gate (G) in the IC card 4 and setting "0" into a personal identification number register (R).

When the personal identification numbers of the IC card 4 is originally "0", the CPU 5 permits other machines to access the memory 7. However, when the personal identification numbers of the IC card 4 is other than "0", the CPU prohibits the other machines to access the memory 7. Alternatively, the personal identification numbers of the IC card 4 is assumed to be capable of being registered by using the personal computer with a specific manner.

Thus, according to an example of the present invention,

in the rap top type personal computer 1 having the IC card 4 as the outer storage, it is possible to attach the security function to any IC card 4, so that it becomes easy to treat the confidential information.

Further, according to the above example, when the personal identification number, which is set in the IC card 4, accords with the personal identification number, which is inputted, the personal identification number of the IC card 4 is set "0" and the data in the memory 7 of the IC card 4 is capable of being read/write accessed. However, the means of the present invention does not apply only to the above. When both of the above personal identification numbers accord with each other, the data of the memory 7 may be capable of being read/write accessed.

(EFFECT OF THE INVENTION)

As explained above, according to the present invention, the personal computer having the card slot for treating the IC card and the card interface comprises the IC card having a personal identification number and data, the means for reading the personal identification number of the IC card, which is inserted in said card slot, the means for setting the personal identification number and the means for comparing said personal identification number, which is read by the IC card, with said personal identification number, which is set, to judge validity of the IC card, enabling data read/write access of the IC card, which is inserted into said card slot, when the use of the IC card is judged to be correct since these personal identification

numbers accord with each other and prohibiting the data read/write access of the IC card, which is inserted into said card slot, when the use of the IC card is judged to be incorrect since these personal identification numbers do not accord with each other. Therefore, it is possible to attach the security function to the rap top type personal computer having the IC card as the outer storage, so that the confidential security function of the IC card with high reliability can be realized.

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing a whole constitution according to an example of the present invention. FIG. 2 is block diagram showing an inner constitution of the above example.

1: personal computer (rap top type personal computer), 2: IC card loading slot (card slot) 3: display apparatus, 4: IC card,

5: CPU, 6: IC card controlling unit, 7: memory

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FIG. 2

6: IC CARD CONTROLLING UNIT
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

IC CARD

MEMORY

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(産業上の利用分野).

___ (従来の技術)

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ところで、従来では、ICカードと、このIC カードを扱うラップトップタイプパーソナルコン ピュータとの相互の間に於いてセキュリティ機能 がなく、従って機密情報をICカードに格納し、 使用することはできない状況にあった。

(発明が解決しようとする課題)

上述したように従来では、ICカードとラップトップタイプパーソナルコンピュークの担互問に於いてセキュリティ機能はなく、従って、従来では機密情報が収納されたICカードに対してデータをアクセスできる範囲を限定できないという不都合をもっていた。

この発明は上記事情に鑑みてなされたもので、 ICカードを扱うカードスロットをもつパーソナ ルコンピュータに於いて、重要な情報が収納され たICカードを特定の人だけが上記パーソナルコ ンピュータにてアクセスできる、セキュリティ 級 能付きのパーソナルコンピュータを提供すること を目的とする。

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(実施例)

以下、図面を使用して本発明の一実施例を説明する。

第1図は本発明の一実施例によるラップトップ タイプパーソナルコンピュータの外観構成を示す 図、第2図は上記実施例によるラップトップタイ ブパーソナルコンピュータの内部構成を示すプロ [発明の構成]

(異節を解決するための手段)

(作用)

本発明は、暗証番号やデータを保持している 1 Cカードと、そのデータを使用する、例えばラップトップパーソナルコンピュータとからなり、

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ック図である。

図に於いて、1はラップトップタイプのパーソ ナルコンピュータ本体(以下単にパーソナルコン ピュータと称す) であり、ここでは1Cカード4 のカード挿入口(カードスロット) 2を行し、内 部にカードコネクタを含むICカードインターフ <u>ェイスを持つ。 3は炎示装置であり、ここではパ</u> ーソナルコンピュータ1の制御の下に、ICカー ド4に記憶(登録)された暗証番号と比較照合を とるための暗証番号設定用のウインドウを表示す る。4は内部に暗証番号を持つ1Cカードであり、 暗証番号が「0」であるときを除いて、内部メモ り7にデータをリードノライトさせない。即ち、 暗証番号が登録されていないときは暗証番号レジ スタ(R)の内容が「O」となって、内部メモリ 7にイネーブル信号が供給され内部メモリアがア クセス可能となるが、それ以外では内部メモリ7 のアクセスが禁止される。5はパーソナルコンピ ータ1の内部に設けられたCPUであり、パー ソナルコンピュータ1の制御中枢となるもので、

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前界処理機能を行し、接続される各デバイスの制御を行なう。6はCPUSと1Cカードインターフェイスとの間に介在される1Cカード制御部であり、1Cカード4のデータを読み書きするための制御を行なう。7は1Cカード内4内のメモリであり、暗証量はとデータを保持している。

以下、図面を参照して本発明の一実施例に於ける動作について説明する。

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ためて挿入された際は再び割込みがかかり上記同様の動作を行なう。

このように、本発明の実施例によれば1 Cカード4を外部記述として持つラップトップタイプのパーソナルコンピュータ1 に於いて、任意の1 Cカード4を対象にセキュリティ機能を付加することができ、機能情報の扱いが容易となる。

尚、上記実施例では、10カード4に設定され

番号が設定されると、CPU5はICカード制御 88.6を介してICカード4に記憶された暗証番号 を読み、入力されたキー人力された暗証番号と比 校照合する。ここで双方の暗証番号が一致してい れば、1Cカード制御部ちを介して1Cカード4 に、メモリアクセスを可能にする、暗証番号「0」 を一時的に送出して、1Cカード4の暗証番号を 一時的に「O」にし、1Cカード4のメモリ7内 のデークをリード/ライトする。即ち1Cカード 4のメモリ7内のデータをリード/ライトする際 は必ずICカード4の暗証番号を「O」にするも ので、これは、上記双方の暗証番号が一致したと き、ICカード4内の暗証番号入力ゲート (G)、 を切じて暗証旨号レジスタ(R)に「O」をセッ トすることにより実現される。このメモリフのア クセス制御はICカード4をカード挿入口2から 抜くまで続けられる。又、双方の暗証番号が一致 しないときは暗証番号の比較結果が「0」とはな らず、従って!Cカード4のメモリ7内のデータ はリード/ライト不可となる。1Cカード4が新

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た暗缸番号と入力された暗缸番号の双方が一致したとき、ICカード4の暗缸番号を「O」にして ICカード4のメモリアのデータをリード/ライトアクセス可能にしたが、これに限らず、上記双方の暗缸番号が一致したとき、他の手段によりメモリアのデータをリード/ライトアクセス可能にする手段であってもよい。

[発明の効果]

以上説明のように本発明によれば、1 C カードを扱うカードスロット及びカードインターフェイスをもつパーソナルコンピュータに於いておいている号及びデータをもつ1 C カードと、上記の号とはいいないのではありた時年を設定する手段と、暗証番号を設定する手段とないしてカードより説取った暗証番号とと記してカードはといいないという。上記カードスロットに挿入された日ととに挿入っている。上記カードスロットに挿入された日とといいまる。上記カードスコードに挿入された一次による不正使用を判断したとき、上記カードスコードに乗ります。

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記カードスロットに挿入された1 Cカードのデークリード/ライトアクセスを禁止する手段とを備えた構成としたことにより、1 Cカードを外部記憶として持つラップトップクイブペーソナルコンピュークにセキュリティ機能を付出することができ、信頼性の高い1 Cカードの機可保証機能が実現できる。

4. 図面の簡単な説明

第1図は本発明の一実施例に於ける全体の構成を示す斜視図、第2図は上記実施例の内部構成を示すプロック図である。

1 … パーソナルコンピューク(ラップトップ タイプパーソナルコンピューケ)、2 … I C カード挿入口(カードスロット)、3 … 数示装置、 4 … I C カード、5 … C P U、6 … I C カード 制御部、7 … メモリ。

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